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FROM KIMMINS
E.O. 11652: N/A TAGS: N/A SUBJECT: SPECIAL TRANSPORT QUERY
REF: BANGUI 1739 ITEM 7
1. ONE OF LARGEST LINE ITEMS IN WELLS BUDGET (\$180,00) IS FOR STATESIDE PURCHASE AND SEA TRANSPORT OF TWO DRILL RIGS REQUIRED TO DRILL 250 SMALL-BORE WELLS. MUCH TIME AND MONEY TO BE EXPENDED ESPECIALLY IN SEA TRANSPORT TO DOUALA AND THENCE OVERLAND TO BANGUI. LONG COURSE OVER SEA AND ROUGH TERRAIN RISKS DAMAGE TO VALUABLE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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- 2. SINCE US MILITARY SERVICES HAVE OBLIGATORY FLYING TIME EVEN IF IT MEANS OTHERWISE UNUSEFUL FLIGHT, AND SINCE THIS PROJECT IS EMERGENCY USAID/R&R FUNDED, PCD WONDERS IF USAF OR MATS COULD AIRFREIGHT RIGS TO CAR? FYI, EMBASSY FEELS NO PROBLEM OBTAINING LANDING RIGHTS FOR TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT AND PCD FEELS NO LOCAL "IMAGE PROBLEMS" IF PC/CAR ASSOCIATED WITH US MILITARY FOR THIS PURPOSE, END FYI. AND OBVIOUSLY IT WOULD GREATLY INCREASE CHANCES OF TIMELY, SAFE ARRIVAL OF CRITICAL EQUIP, AND SAVEMONEY.
- 3. THEREFORE REQUEST REGION'S RESPONSE TO PC/CAR'S AND EMBASSY'S FURTHER PURSUIT THIS POSSIBILITY, TO KNOW IF ANY REGION, GC, OR AGENCY POLICY WOULD PROHIBIT SUCH COLLABORATION, IF IT CAN BE ARRANGED.
- 4. DECON ON RECEIPT. SWING UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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